creasing financial strain. Opposing this suggestion, Sir Reginald Poole wrote: 1 do not suppose that the poor fail altogether to realise that it is largely the money of the well-to-do which really enables the hospitals to exist, or that the poor are ungrateful. This lottery scheme would certainly put an end to any such sentiment of gratitude, for after all there would be no question of gratitude as the well-to-do would have no reason to subscribe.' Whether Sir Reginald Poole's or some other argument proved convincing, the suggestion was dropped.

The film version of *All Quiet on the Western Front* was banned in Berlin and Vienna after causing disturbances there; and a production of *Coriolanus* at the Comedie Fran$aise had to be suspended owing to the delight and execration aroused in different sections of the audience by Coriolanus's contemptuous references to elections and the elected. A proposal on the part of Germany and Austria to join themselves together in a Customs' Union was submitted to the League Assembly, which passed it on to the International Court at The Hague. There, a decision that such a Union was illegal was belatedly reached, the voting being generally supposed to have been based on political rather than judicial considerations.[1]

The results of a census taken in April 1930 were published, showing that the population of England and Wales was slightly under 40,000,000, that the birth-rate had enormously fallen,[2] and that London was steadily growing, soon to have 9,000,000 inhabitants, the krgest number of human beings so far collected together in one place; at the same time a builder announcing

that in his experience it was garages, not nurseries, which were in demand.

Off Ushant, Italian divers persistently jumped into the sea, some losing their lives, to recover gold from a liner, s.s. *Egypt,*

[1] The countries to which the judges who voted against the legality of the Union belonged, were: France, Poland, Spain, Italy, Roumania, Colombia, Salvador and Cuba, and for: Japan, U.S.A., England, Germany, Holland, Belgium and China.

[2] To 16.3 per thousand, the lowest recorded, and half the 1871 figure.